

by striking the colon at the end of the third line of the Section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“; provided, however, where the board of county commissioners has consented to the microfilming of records, it shall not be necessary to keep books of the records that are so microfilmed, but the microfilm of the records shall be kept and shall be open to inspection of the public during regular office hours.”.

Sec. 2. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This Act shall become effective upon its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 11th day of May, 1965.

H. B. 561

CHAPTER 490

AN ACT RELATING TO THE GRAND JURY IN NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. G. S. 9-25 as the same appears in the 1963 Cumulative Supplement to the General Statutes is amended by adding a new subsection, appropriately designated and numbered, to read as follows:

“At the first session of Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases in Northampton County after July 1, 1965, there shall be chosen a grand jury as now provided by law, and the first nine members of said jury chosen at said session shall serve until the first session of Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases after July 1, 1966, and the second nine members of said jury so chosen shall serve until the first session of Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases after January 1, 1966; and thereafter at the first criminal session after the first day of January of each year there shall be chosen nine members of said grand jury to serve until the first criminal session after the first day of January of the following year, and at the first criminal session after the first day of July of each year there shall be chosen nine members of said grand jury to serve until the first criminal session after the first day of July of the following year. The foreman of the grand jury shall be chosen originally from the members serving a term of one year, and, thereafter, a foreman shall be chosen for a term as foreman of six months, from among those members of the grand jury who shall have served as grand jurors for six months. In the event of a vacancy in the membership of the grand jury of Northampton County during a grand juror's term by reason of death, removal from the county, sickness, disqualification, or otherwise according to law, the Superior Court Judge presiding at any criminal session of the Superior Court of Northampton County, may, in his discretion order any such vacancy or vacancies filled by drawing a sufficient number of scrolls from the jury box to fill any such vacancy, and grand jurors so drawn shall qualify by taking the oath prescribed by law, and shall serve for the remainder of the term of the particular former members of the grand jury whose offices they were drawn to fill”.